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MADE IN KYNG RYCHARDS DAYS THE SECOND.

Ihon the VJ. Chapiter. I am the lyuynge breade whych came downe from beauen : who so etethe of this brede shall lyue for euer. And the brede that I wyll gyue is my flesshe, whyche I wyll gyue for the lyfe of the worlde.

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" Moreover you sayd, that the doctors of the Churche " have subserted the truth of holy Scripture, expounding

" it after their own mindes, and therfore theyr workes

" be nought, and they in hell : but that Wickleffe is a

" Sainct in heaven, and that the booke called his Wicket " is good, for therein he sheweth the truth."

Articles against John Stilman. Fore, Acts and Monuments, ed. 1583. p. 815.

"Wicklif was a Wicket and a Doore of entrance to "many who lived in that time of ignorance."

Boys's Exposition : Septuagerina Sunday.

" In this Discourse hee teacheth the true doctrine of " the Sacraments with the now Church of England, " which he also did in other Treatise, as learned M. " James hall very well shewed in the 7 Cap. of his Apo-

" logy for Wicklife."

Henry Jackson ; Preface to the Wicket, Oxford 1612.

" Ostiolum Wieleß, seu Tractatus Anglicus de Sacra-"mento Altaris, quo Transubstantistionem petitis tam " e philosophia quam Scriptura argumentis nervose op-" pugnat." Hen. Wharton, Appendix ad Historiam

Literariam Gal. Cave.

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A verye brefe diffinition of these wordes.

Por est corpus meum.

I beseche ye brethren in the lorde Christ Jesu, and for the loue of hys spirite, to praye wyth me, that we maye be uessels to his laude and prayse what tyme so euer it pleaseth hym to call vpon vs. Romanes, XV. Chapter.

Fon asmoche as our sauiour Jesus Christe when that he walked here on earth wyth the prophetes whych were before him, and the apostles whych were presently wyth bym, whom also he lefte after hym, whose hertes were molifyed wyth the holy ghoste, & warn-

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Math, 7. Luke 13.

ed vs, and gaue vs knowlege that there was two maner of wayes, the one to lyfe, the other to death as Christe sayeth. Howe straight and narowe is the waye that leadeth to lyfe, and there be but fewe that fyndeth it. But howe large & brode is the waye that leadeth to dampnacion, and there be many that go into it. Therfore praye we hertely to God that he of hys mere mercye wyll so strengthen vs wyth the grace and stedfastnes [of] hys holy spirite, to make vs stronge in spirituall lyuinge after the cuangelicall gospell so that the worlde, no not the very infideles papistes and apostates can gather none occasion to speake cuyil of vs, wherby we maye entre into that strayte gate, as Christ our saulour and all that followes hym haue done, that is not in ydle lyuynge, but in

diligente labourynge, yea in greate sufferance of persecution even to the death, and that we fynde the wave of euerlastynge lyfe, as he hath promysed where he sayeth, He that seketh Math. 7. fyndeth, and that axeth receyneth, and to hym that knocketh it shalbe openyde. Also Chryste [ii] saythe, If thye sonne are the breade wyite Luc. 17. thou gyue hym a stone, or yf he axe the fyshe, wylte thou gyue hym a serpent, yf ye whyche are eugl can gyue good thynges to your chyldren how muche more shall youre heuenlye father gyue a good spirite to them that axe yt of hym. Saynt James saythe, If any man Jacob. I. lacke wysedome let hyme axe it of god whyche. geueth to all men yf they axe it in fayth, and vpbraydeth none, for he that douteth is lyke to the waues of the see, that is borne aboute

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wythe cuery blaste of wynde. Thynke not that suche shall receyue any thynge of the Lorde. For a man double in soule is vnstable in al hys wayes, as it is wrytten. wherfore let vs praye to god that he kepe vs in the houre of temptacion, that is comynge in al the worlde. Dany, 12. For as our saviour chryst sayeth, When ye se that abhominacyon of desolacyon that is spoken Muth, 24. of by the prophet Daniell standynge in the holy place, as christ sayeth he that redethe let hym vnderstonde. But for bycause that every man can not have the boke of Danyell to knowe what hys prophesy is. Danyel saide towarde the laste dayes the Kynge of the northe shall [Dan. 31, 31.] come, and the armes of hyme shall stonde, and shall defyle the sanctuarye, and he shall take awaye the continuall sacryfyce, and he shall

Apor. 3.